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Attorney Docket No. R71.12-0001

First Inventor or Application Identifier Vicki Ritchie et al.

Title ELECTRONIC MESSAGE BOARD

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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3. ☒ Specification [Total Sheets **10**]
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- Descriptive title of the Invention
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- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
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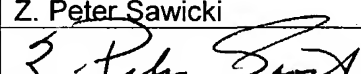
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2. ☒ Credit Card Payment Form

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| 1002 | 330 | 2002 | 165 | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee |
| 1004 | 750 | 2004 | 375 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prov. Filing Fee |

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| | Number Claims | Prior** | Extra | Fee from Below | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 84 | 2201 | 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 280 | 2203 | 140 | Multiple Dependent Claims |
| 1204 | 84 | 2204 | 42 | Reissue Independent Claims over Original Patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - Late provisional Filing Fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For Filing a Request for Reexamination. (ex parte) | |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 410 | 2252 | 205 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 930 | 2253 | 465 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,450 | 2254 | 725 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 1,970 | 2255 | 985 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1402 | 320 | 2402 | 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 280 | 2403 | 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1814 | 110 | 2814 | 55 | Terminal Disclaimer Fee | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to Revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,300 | 2453 | 650 | Petition to Revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,300 | 2501 | 650 | Utility/Reissue issue fee (inc. advance copies) | |
| 1502 | 470 | 2502 | 235 | Design issue fee (inc. advance copies) | |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Petitions related to provisional applications | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Statement | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |

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4. Patent Application comprising the following pages;
1 Abstract 7 Specification 2 Claims 3 Drawings
5. Power of Attorney
6. Information Disclosure Statement including cited references
7. Application Data Sheet

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